

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 remain in this application and are pending for reconsideration. Claims 6-8, 15-17, 19 and 21 have been amended.

Claims 6-8 and 15-17 were objected to for some minor formalities. The Applicants respectfully submit that this objection is now moot in view of the amendments to claims 6-8 and 15-17 as set forth above. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection to claims 6-8 and 15-17 is respectfully requested.

Claims 8, 17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as containing a trademark or a trade name. The Applicants respectfully point out that the “Virtual Interface (VI) Architecture Specification” and “Next Generation Input/Output (NGIO) Specification” names are not used to identify or describe a particular material or product, but are used to show that a particular material or product acts in compliance with these specifications. However, in the interest of placing this application in condition for allowance claims 8, 17 and 19 have been amended so that they no longer are included in these claims. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is now moot in view of the amendments to claims 8, 17 and 19 as set forth above. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 8, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph is respectfully requested.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 21 was amended as set forth above to be limited to a tangible computer-readable medium. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the foregoing, the application is considered to be in condition for allowance.

Early notification of the same is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone 815-885-2389.

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